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## **Interagency News Release**

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### **Lightning-Caused Fire near Arizona Creek Managed for Resource Benefits**

Teton interagency fire personnel will monitor a lightning-caused fire located in Grand Teton National Park near the Teton Wilderness boundary, and manage it as a wildland fire use fire for resource benefits according to the park's fire management plan. The Reid Fire started on August 21 with the passage of a thunderstorm; it lies in the northwestern corner of Grand Teton just south of Mt. Reid and between Arizona Creek and Jackson Lake.

The Reid Fire was evaluated according to park and national fire policy procedures and approved for wildland fire use by an interagency fire management committee. Such naturally ignited fires are closely monitored to ensure public and firefighter safety, while allowing natural processes to function within a designated wildland fire use zone. The fire will be surveyed daily to track its activity and growth.

Although only .1 of an acre when first discovered, the Reid Fire grew to 10 acres in size due to brisk afternoon winds on Sunday, August 26, and smoke became visible from vantage points along Highway 26/89/191 and the Teton Park Road. The Reid Fire is currently burning amid scattered subalpine fir and aspens, as well as in dead and downed logs. Prevailing winds will likely cause the fire to spread toward the Teton Wilderness boundary.

No structures are threatened, and no road closures are in effect due to this fire; however, for public safety, the Arizona Creek trail in Grand Teton National Park was closed to public entry this morning, August 27.

The current fire danger rating is Moderate for Grand Teton National Park and the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

To report either smoke or a fire, please call 307.739.3630. For further information about fires in the greater Jackson Hole area, please contact Bridger-Teton National Forest at 307.739.5500 or visit [www.tetonfires.com](http://www.tetonfires.com).

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